

A BILL

FOR AN ACT IN RELATION TO CANNED OR PRESERVED FOOD.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful in this State for any packer of or dealer in hermetically sealed, canned or preserved fruits, vegetables or other articles of food to offer such canned or preserved articles for sale for consumption in this State after October first, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, unless the cans or jars which contain the same shall bear the name, address and place of business of the person, firm or corporation that canned or packed the articles so offered, or the name of the wholesale dealer in this State who sells or offers the same for sale ; together in all cases with the name of the State, county, and city, town or village, where the same were packed, plainly printed thereon, preceded by the words "Packed at." Such name, address and place of business shall be plainly printed on the label, together with a mark or term indicating clearly the grade or quality of the articles contained therein.

SEC. 2. All packers of and dealers in soaked goods or goods put up from products dried or cured before canning shall, in addition to complying with the provisions of section one of this act, cause to be plainly branded on the face of the label in good legible type, one-half of an inch in height and three-eighths of an inch in width, the word "Soaked."

SEC. 3. All goods packed prior to the passage of this act and all goods imported or to be imported from foreign countries of foreign manufacture are exempted from the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. Any packer or dealer who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each offense in the case of retail dealers, and in case of wholesale dealers and packers by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense ; one-half of said fine to go to the informer. The terms "packer" and "dealer" as used in this act shall be deemed to include any firm or corporation doing business as a dealer in or packer of the articles mentioned in this act. It shall be the duty of any board of health in this State cognizant of any violation of this act to prosecute any person, firm or corporation which it has any reason to believe has violated any of the provisions of this act, and the court or officer receiving the fine under any conviction under this act, after deducting the cost of trial and conviction, shall pay one-half to the informer and the balance to the board of health prosecuting the case. In case such offense is not prosecuted by any board of health the fine received shall be disposed of in the manner now provided by law.

SEC. 5. The provisions of this act shall not apply to canned or condensed milk or cream.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect October first, eighteen hundred and eighty-six.